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Sunday service

# The Mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

1 Samuel 17:29 states what David's big brother, Eliab, said to him when he came to kill Goliath. Eliab, David's older brother, who was on the battlefield, was angry and scolded David calling him arrogant. Eliab asked David who he had left the sheep with and why he had come down to watch the battle. At that time, David replied saying why would he not have a reason to come. Then he went and killed Goliath and simply resolved the problem. David came because he had a reason. He came to kill the enemy who mocked the God of the Israelites with the name of the Lord of Hosts. Life with a reason will conquer. May you think about your reason to live. If it is not a simple reason, but if it is the covenant in your heart, it will absolutely turn into a miracle. May the grace be upon you to have conquest through a life with reason.

## 1. The mind of Christ

- 1) There was a time where Paul went to share the Gospel in Athens before he went to Corinth. However, there was so little success that Bible scholars say that there was no place like Athen where Apostle Paul's evangelism failed more. That's why in 2:2 is a confession based on his failure, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- 2) There were many philosophers in Athens, and many people who were only interested in new knowledge, so naturally there were many arguments between Paul and them. Because evangelism is not something that can be accomplished through debates, Athens evangelism ultimately failed.
- 3) 1 Corinthians 2:4 "and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,". 2:5 "so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of me but in the power of God." This was Apostle Paul's resolution.
- 4) As you continue to read, later on, it is said that the wisdom they are talking about is not the wisdom of men, but the wisdom of God. 2:7, "But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory."
- 5) However, because the world does not know this, it states that God makes you realize this through the Holy Spirit, who understands everything.
- 6) Verse 12 states, "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God."
- 7) The Spirit who is from God was given to you because He wants you to know that the things given to you by God are through His grace. There are many things He has given you through His grace. If you know this, you can overcome this world and nothing would get in your way.
- 8) Prayer has also been given to you by God's grace. A lot of things in your life will be transformed when you are able to deeply pray. The blood of Christ is so precious. Many things change when you realize that this is the true covenant and it is able to crush all curses of original sin.
- 9) There are so many other things that God has given you through His grace. This is the confession of the Apostle Paul who saw this. He wants you to know of the things that He has given to you.
- 10) Verse 15 states, "The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one." The spiritual person is the one whose spiritual eyes are opened, the one who lives knowing the image of the nation that is under the working of the Spirit and God, the one who has come to the answer and experienced it, and more.
- 11) Those that have these eyes also have the eyes that know the judgment of others. This means that you will not be influenced by others' judgment towards you. Because humans have thoughts, they can speak of their judgments of others and spread regardless of if it is the truth.
- 12) This means that the spiritual people who are people that connect with God are not affected by others' judgements. This is the confession of Apostle Paul to himself. It did not matter what others said about him because the only work that mattered was God and the work that God has given.
- 13) Verse 16 states, "'For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But you must have the mind of Christ." This was the confession of Apostle Paul who had the mind of Christ.

- 14) It is not easy to become someone that confesses this. 1 Corinthians 4:1 states, “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.”
- 15) Apostle Paul was not in the time schedule of prayer for this to happen to him, but rather was someone that has accepted this answer inside of his heart. You must be like this. Although you are weak, may you become one that can confess that the Holy Spirit is inside you and that you are a servant of Christ and knows the mysteries of God.
- 16) May you receive the grace of becoming the one that does not simply believe, but can make the confession and can confirm this. Then you will surely conquer. It must already be conquered. May you receive this blessing.

2. **The watchmen’s prayer**

- 1) God’s kingdom is established through the prayer of the watchmen. God will do all the work that is seen to the eyes. Isaiah 62:6-7 records the prayer of the watchmen.
- 2) God states that He will watch over you when you continuously pray to Him. Most cases, you pray for yourself and your family. You must pray for the church, those around you, and meetings you have in the fields. Also, you must pray for God’s kingdom and world evangelization. This is very precious.
- 3) In the 7 bartizan prayer, it states that you must pray to receive the power of the universe to save this age. This must come in your heart for you to be in the prayer of receiving the power of the universe that overcomes the ruler of the kingdom of the air.
- 4) God created the universe. The earth is small as a dot in the universe. The universe is small before God and it is being governed by the throne of God. It is your prayer that communicates with the throne.
- 5) Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be lost in heaven. So, America is not greater than you. You are greater than America. It is the same with Latin America. You must possess the power of the universe that will save America and Latin America as you live your lives.
- 6) This is the salvation that you have received. This is your authority. It is not a vague picture. This is the truth. From the beginning, this is as it was, but your spiritual eyes were not opened to see this truth. May you be a person of prayer holding to this covenant.
- 7) Satan exists in the world and the universe. Even if people fall into hallucination, Satan will work in that as well. Your prayer must be the watchmen of prayer that will save and protect the world and the universe. You must continuously pray for God to protect and save America and Latin America.
- 8) They were used to save the stream, culture, and the history of the world. This is what it means to have the mind of Christ. Apostle Paul stated that he had the mind of Christ. Paul was not bothered by the words of others. Paul stated that he knew it all.
- 9) May this grace be upon you. Even if you know all the words that others may speak of you, may you not be bothered by it, but be the one who has the mind of Christ.